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Window Coverings and
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of continued prosecution of the
above-identified application, please amend the application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 3-8 and 11-38.

Add new claims 40-59 as follows:

40. (New) An apparatus for cutting a window covering
including a head rail, a bottom rail and slats extending
between the head rail and the bottom rail, said apparatus
comprising:

a base having a substantially flat cutting surface;
a frame overlying said cutting surface and mounted to
said base, said frame and said cutting surface defining a
receiving area therebetween for receiving said window
covering;

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